IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Certificate Under 37 C.F.R. 1.8(a) Group Art Unit: Unknown I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service Attornev first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner of Patents, Washingto Docket No.: HFR0050 D.C. 20231 Edmond D. Roussel et al. Applicant: USE OF PROPIONIC BACTERIA FOR Invention: PRODUCING PROPIONIC ACID AND/OR PROPIONATES IN THE COLON 10/031,477 Serial No:

Filed: January 18, 2002

nea. January 10.

Examiner: Unknown

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants wish to bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents identified on the attached form PTO-1449. Applicants respectfully request that these documents be made of record in the present application.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before three months of the U.S. filing and before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits. No certification or fee is required.

Each English language reference was cited in a corresponding foreign application search report or office action and its relevance discussed therein. A copy of the foreign search report or office action is attached for the Examiner's information.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony Niewyk, Reg. 10. 24,87 Attorney for Applicant

AN/mln/220674

BAKER & DANIELS Suite 800 111 East Wayne Street Fort Wayne, IN 46802 Telephone: 219-424-8000

Facsimile: 219-460-1700

****	.y. 4							
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE			JER0050	(Optional)	Application Number 10/031,477			
CITATIO		al sheets if necessary)	Applicant(s) Edmond d	. Roussel et al.				
			Filing Date January 18, 2002		Group Art Unit Unknown			
			U.S. PATI	ENT DOCUMENTS		0		
EXAMINER INITIAL	REF	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE	
		MAR 0 5 2002	C53				APPROPI	
		LE LA						
		TRADEMANT	·				l	
							-	
	-							
						-		_
							L	
				ATENT DOCUMENTS	T	1		
	REF	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	Transla	NO NO
		FR 2 741 509 A	5/30/97	France w/English Abstract				
		WO 98/27991 A	7/2/98	PCT				
	-							
	L		OTHER	DOCUMENTS (Including Author	Title, Date, I	Pertinent Pag	es, Etc.)	
		XP 000590802 - Tsutomu Kaneko et al. <u>Growth Stimulator for Bifidobacteria Produced by</u> Propionibacterium freudenreichii and Several Intestinal Bacteria, Journal of Dairy Science Vol. 77, No 2, 1994, pp 393-404						
		XP 002139247 - <u>Propionibacteria used as probiotics - a review</u> , Dep Food Technol/Dairy Sci., Univ. Helsinki, 1995						
		XP002139248 - The effect of sucrose or starch-based diet on short-chain fatty acids and faecal microflora in rats, A. Cresci, Journal of Applied Microbiology, 1999						
EXAMINE	R.	micronora in rais, A. Ci	cooi, Journa	DATE CONSIDERED				_
Z. Arabani (E.								
EXAMINE not consider	R: Initial	if citation considered, whether or not de copy of this form with next commun	citation is in conf	ormance with MPEP Section 609; Draw line nt.	through citation	if not in conf	ormance	and
orm PTO-A8	320			PO9A/REV04 Patent and Trademan	k Office * U.S.	DEPARTME		OMMI EET 1